

## **MINUTES**

### **STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2005**

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on February 25, 2005.

Present were:

#### Council

Arne Almquist  
Linda Begley  
Karl Benson  
Marie Gamble  
Bill Hansen  
Kimberly Hartz  
David Holt  
Carolyn Ingram  
Chrysanthia Seals  
Janet Stith  
Dr. Stu Tobin  
Jackie White  
Janice Wren

#### KDLA

Richard Belding  
Charlene Davis  
Judith Gibbons  
Lori Harlan  
Jim Nelson  
Diane Poole  
Kelly Reed  
Christie Robinson

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Stu Tobin welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Ms. Carolyn Ingram if she would chair today's Council meeting. Ms. Ingram, serving as Acting Chair, called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2004 MEETING MINUTES**

No changes were made to the November 19, 2004 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

### **UPDATE ON HEALTH PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL**

Jim Nelson advised the Council that KDLA is working in partnership with KET and the Kentucky Historical Society on developing a proposal that will be submitted to Washington, DC for a 2005 Partnership for a Nation of Learners (PNL) Community Collaboration Grant provided by IMLS. The collaboration of these partners will form The Kentucky Free-Choice Learning Coalition for Health. The proposal will address current health issues for many Kentuckians through a series of KET productions. The goals of the series and other outreach opportunities will be to (1) spotlight and enable replication of successful health promotion models in Kentucky that work; (2) raise perceived value of health; and (3) encourage personal or community action around health. The two year implementation of the Outreach Plan will include repurposing broadcast content to reach wider audiences through educational programming, genealogy and health literacy workshops, and professional development for librarians. The Coalition will also assess partnership outcomes to develop a future plan for continuing action.

Jim Nelson distributed to Council members a list of some of the health models that are currently in place and functioning throughout the state that KET has gathered in their research for health programs available. Jim also distributed a list of counties that currently have some type of health program available through their public library. This proposal is a great way to improve health awareness for Kentuckians through a partnership effort and involve libraries at the same time.

Jim Nelson reported that the proposal must be submitted to Washington by March 1, 2005, and grant awards will be made in September 2005.

### **LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Dr. Stu Tobin addressed the Council about the possibility of the State Library forming some type of endowment fund to assist the state in funding for libraries through grants, construction projects, interest free loans, etc. Dr. Tobin explained that other public libraries and even universities have established endowment funds to help support their programs and institutions. The Madison County Public Library formed an endowment fund which is currently managed by Bluegrass Trust, which is a brokerage firm that manages charitable and non-profit organization investments.

Jim Nelson reported that he has also spoken with Bob Lewis of Global Advancement in Lexington who also works with Bluegrass Trust and the Bluegrass Community Foundation. Jim has made an appointment with Mr. Lewis and the Bluegrass Community Foundation in March to discuss some of the options and the possibility of KDLA trying to establish such a fund. Jim will keep the Council informed about the information he gathers on this issue.

### **UPDATE ON PUBLIC AWARENESS INSTITUTE**

Kelly Reed advised the Council that applications for the second Public Awareness Leadership Institute have been evaluated and reviewed and notification letters have been sent to the applying applicants. This year there will be 18 participants which include library directors, staff, and trustees. The sessions will focus on sharing techniques, success stories, and improving skills in raising the public awareness of libraries in local communities. The first of five sessions will be held on March 29-30, 2005 at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park. These sessions are directly funded by the Library Services and Technology Act.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Kelly Reed announced to Council members that the 2003-2004 KDLA Annual Report is now available for viewing on our website at: <http://kdla.ky.gov/AR.htm>. The report highlights the work of the department's four divisions and Commissioner's Office, and also features a "Fast Facts" section about KDLA.
- Diane Poole distributed copies of the LSTA 2003 Annual Report and the 2004 Annual Report to the Council. Both of these reports have been accepted by Washington.
- Jim Nelson gave a brief legislative review that included watching SB 19, which is First Lady Glenna Fletcher's bill that will establish a "Read to Achieve" program which deals with school literacy projects. Jim also discussed the Public Library Improvement and Equalization Fund that was passed in the last legislative session, but has never received any funding. If the Improvement and Equalization Fund was funded it would assist small public libraries with many of their expenses they are now struggling with such as health insurance for public library employees and other needed library services.

- Judith Gibbons displayed the art work and theme for this year's Summer Reading Program which is entitled "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds." KDLA sponsored summer reading workshops in Frankfort during February and had over 200 people in attendance for these workshops.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries will be on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.